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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Newsletter No 28 - 23rd April, 2021

Welcome back to the summer term and Happy St George's Day!

### Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC

This week we have celebrated joining Our Lady and All Saints Multi Academy Company through Collective Worship, Assembly, creative projects, writing and research. Our classes have enjoyed writing their own Academy prayers. Whilst these will contribute to a MAC prayer by combining with the ideas from all of the other MAC schools, these are too good not to share as they are. We will share a prayer each week and look forward to the day when we have one MAC prayer used across all 13 schools. We start this week with Reception CT - thank you children.

Dear Lord, Bless us as we come together as Our Lady and All Saints Multi Academy Company. Make us strong in faith as we work and pray together. Amen.

### Lenten Charities

Thank you for all of your contributions towards our Lenten charities. This year we supported Cafod, Father Hudson's, Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership Rwanda Appeal, NSPCC, Childline, Alton Castle, Birmingham Dogs' Home, Trussell Trust, Priestley Rose Care Home, Homely, Heartlands Hospital Neo Natal Unit and Shelter.

We raised over £1500 for our charities, as well as being able to drop off care packages and food to some of our causes. The children planned and participated in these events with great enthusiasm, fulfilling their vocation to help others. Well done everybody!

We have received a special thank you card from the staff and residents at Priestley Rose Care Home thanking the Y2 staff, children and their families for their kindness and generosity.

### Non-Uniform Day - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

Next **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April** will be a non-uniform day when we ask children to wear something orange and bring £1. This has been requested by our families, in particular Louie in Year 1, who, with his mum, has been following the plight of Azaylia Cain, in the press, who is battling leukaemia. This has touched his heart and we kindly ask for you to help us to contribute to the fundraising taking place for Azaylia and her family. The money is intended to help both Azaylia and her family and other families in the future who go through a similar situation.





### **Attendance**

This week it has been wonderful to record 97% attendance - meaning that the vast majority of our children are attending.

Attendance at school, as you know, enables your child to learn more efficiently, have staff to ask questions to, be helped to understand and also allows the children to develop their social and physical skills and therefore reach their potential.

Let us keep our focus on great attendance - it would be fantastic to be talking about 100% attendance throughout the school.

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion - Year 4**

We are finally able to set the date of **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 5.30 pm - St Wilfrid's Church for the Year 4 Holy Communion.**

Letters have been sent home with the children today giving more details.

Please contact the school office if your child has not received it.

### **Easter Decoration**

Thank you to all those who took part. Please visit the school Twitter feed to see them. They are great!

### **Lunchtime Arrangements**

Please could you inform the school office if your child's lunchtime arrangement changes. Thank you.

### **School site**

Please could we remind you that All adults **must** wear face coverings when on the school site (unless you have a medical exemption). Please also remember the 2 metre social distancing rule. Thank you.

### **Values and Virtues**

This half term, we are focussing on being more Compassionate and Loving: **Compassionate** towards others near and far, especially the less fortunate, and **loving** by our just actions and forgiving words.

Children who are noticed for being particularly compassionate and loving towards others may be awarded a certificate in our Celebration Assembly, or a special wrist band by their teachers.

As part of this, later, during this half term, we will be engaging in an act of service that we hope will help those in our local community. We will let you know further details in the weeks that follow.

'A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' John 13:34-35.

Congratulations to Leeson (6G) who is the winner of the certificate this week.

### **Behaviour Awards**

**Blue Badges:** Daan, Eliezer, Lacey-Mai, Kharis, Elisha, Aurora, Noah

**Pink Badge:** Diaraye

**Purple Badge:** Hurairah

**Red Badges:** Emmanuella, Cecilia, Fletcher

**Lilac Badges:** Gracie, Ava





## STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Nursery	Whole class
Reception CT	Zamil
Reception SS	Louie
Year 1M	Sanu
Year 1GP	Layla, Ryan
Year 2B	Mary
Year 2G	Jethro
Year 3C	Lexie
Year 3M	Tyreek, Samuel
Year 4B	Jenson
Year 4P	Jessica
Year 5B	Andrius
Year 5M	Alexis
Year 6G	Ann
Year 6TW	Fathima
Music Award	Y6 Flutes
Sports Award	Y4 Football Club

**Well done everyone!**

### **Prayers**

Please keep in your prayers all those people affected by the volcanic eruptions taking place on the island of St Vincent's.

### **May Day Bank Holiday**

Please note that on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, school will be closed for the Bank holiday.**

School re-opens, normal times, on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Enjoy the sunny weather.

Yours sincerely,

**R Baker and staff**

